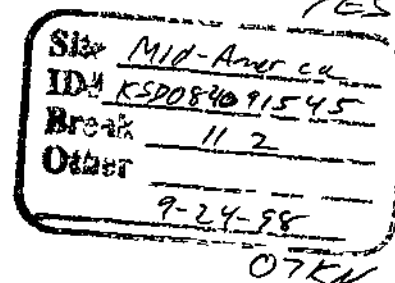




UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION VII
726 MINNESOTA AVENUE
KANSAS CITY KANSAS 66101



24 September 1998

Pat Kincaid
U S Coast Guard NPFC (CF-1)
4200 Wilson Blvd Suite 1000
Arlington, VA 22203-1804

RE LaForte Spill Site Responsible Party Information
FPN 088153

Dear Ms Kincaid

Please find enclosed copies of the deeds and other correspondence for the property transfers involved with the LaForte property in Chanute, Kansas FPN # 088153 Each document has been numbered and the corresponding numbers are located throughout the text of this letter to allow the reader to refer to these documents in sequence

1983 - On 30 December 1983, Mr Patrick J Malloy III the duly qualified and acting Trustee of Mid-America Refining Co Inc Producers Group, Inc sold all of the bankrupt estate's right to Chanute Energy and Refining(#1) This property encompassed approximately 32 acres

1986 - On 10 January 1986 approximately 5 acres of the MARCO site was transferred from Chanute Energy and Refinery Company to Fairway Crude(#2 & #3) 0.5 acres of this 5 acres or what is now known as the LaForte Pit was kept by Ed Noland a former Chanute Energy and Refinery Company board member(#4)

1987 - Ed Noland is listed as president of Fairway Crude on the deed dated 25 November 1987 which transferred the LaForte Pit to Mr Rick Michaels(#5) Mr Rick Michaels won this property in a poker game Per conversation with Mr Michaels, during the time when he owned the property, he never visited it

1990 - On 1 August 1990 Terry Bruner won the property from Mr Michaels in another poker game(#6)

1995 - On 8 December 1995, Ronald King obtained the property via a Sheriff's Deed(#7)
Usually property is transferred through a Sheriff's Deed when the property is sold for back taxes

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SUPERFUND RECORDS

LaForte Spill Site
FPN 088153

1996 - On 2 May 1996, a meeting between Mr King and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) was held to discuss cleanup of the LaForte pit. There is a 21 June 1996 copy of a letter discussing this meeting and requesting financial information from Mr King(#8)

1996 - On 13 June 1996, the property was quit claim deeded to Teresa K. LaForte(#9)

1998 - On Feb 2, 1998, the Chanute Tribune had an article in the paper about the impending EPA removal action(#10)

1998 - On 3 February 1998, the property was transferred to Dorothy LaForte(#11). On April 22, 1998, EPA asked Ms Dorothy LaForte to cleanup the property. She said she did not have any money and was living on social security. She also stated that she heard that the Federal Government would cleanup property of individuals who did not have any money to clean it up.

If you have any questions or need other information, please leave me a voicemail at 1-800-848-4568 x7005 or call the MARCO site at 316-431-6291

Sincerely,


Janice J. Kroone OSC

cc Steven Sanders, EPA CNSL

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please help with this
I was afraid to trouble as
I didn't want to make a mistake
for you*

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cc 5213 83
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TRUSTEE S DEED

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THIS INDENTURE made the 20th day of December 1983
between PATRICK J MALLOY III the duly qualified and acting Trustee
of MID-AMERICA REFINING CO INC PRODUCERS GROUP INC and GENERAL
ENERGY CO INC Bankrupts under proceedings in the United States
Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma numbers 82-00776
82-00777 and 82-00778 First Party and ~~CHANUTE ENERGY & REFINING INC~~
an Oklahoma corporation Second Party

WITNESSETH That whereas pursuant to legal authority as
Trustee and order of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern
District of Oklahoma entered on the 20th day of December 1983
said First Party has bargained and sold all of the said bankrupt estate's
right title and interest in and to the hereinafter described real
estate to Second Party for considerations received and herewith acknow-
ledged being one dollar (\$1.00) and other sufficient considerations

NOW THEREFORE the said First Party does hereby grant bargain,
sell transfer assign and convey unto Second Party all of the Trustee's
right title and interest in and to the following real estate to-wit

Property located in Neosho County Kansas
as specifically set forth on Exhibit A'
attached hereto

Property located in Anderson County Kansas
as specifically set forth in Exhibit B
attached hereto

Property in Franklin County Kansas as
specifically set forth on Exhibit C attached
hereto

all of which Exhibits are made a part of this instrument by reference

To have and to hold the same unto CHANUTE ENERGY & REFINING,
INC, an Oklahoma corporation Second Party its successors and assigns
forever and the said First Party PATRICK J MALLOY III, Trustee for
and on behalf of himself his successors and assigns hereby conveys
all the right title, interest and estate to the described property
which the Trustee has the power to convey or dispose of as Trustee for
MID-AMERICA REFINING CO, INC PRODUCERS GROUP INC and GENERAL
ENERGY CO INC, Bankrupts, or any of them

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said PATRICK J MALLOY III Trustee

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27751
STATE OF KANSAS, NEOSHO COUNTY SS
ENTERED AND FILED IN VOL 186 PAGE
124 at 2:05 O'CLOCK PM
1983
REGISTER OF DEEDS

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EXHIBIT A

NEOSHO COUNTY KANSAS

a. That part of the Last Half of the Southeast Quarter (E/2 SE/4) of Section 17 Township 27 South Range 18 East of the Sixth P M described as follows

Commencing at the Northeast corner of the SE/4 of said Section 17 and thence running West along the half section line 80 rods thence South 20 rods thence East 90 rods thence North 20 rods to the place of beginning also

b. The South Half of the North Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (S/2 N/2 NE/4 SE/4) and the North Half of the South Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (N/2 S/2 NE/4 SE/4) of Section 17 Township 27 South Range 18 East of the Sixth P M excepting therefrom the following described tract, to-wit

Commencing 969 feet West of the Northeast corner of the S/2 of the N/2 of the NE/4 of the SE/4 of said Section 17 and running thence West 350 feet thence South 663 feet thence East 350 feet thence North 663 feet to the place of beginning also

c. A tract of land 70 feet wide in the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section 16 Township 27 Range 18 extending from the West line of said Section 16 to the Westerly property line of the AT&SF Railway Company said tract being 35 feet on each side of the following described center line

Beginning at a point on West line of said Section 16 521.8 feet South of Northwest corner of the SW/4 of Section 16 thence East 338.2 feet along a tangent line making a N E angle of 89 degrees 55 minutes with the West line of said Section 16, thence S E 593.2 feet along a curve concave to the right with a radius of 459.28 feet to the Westerly property line of the AT&SF Railway Company, containing 1.50 acres and

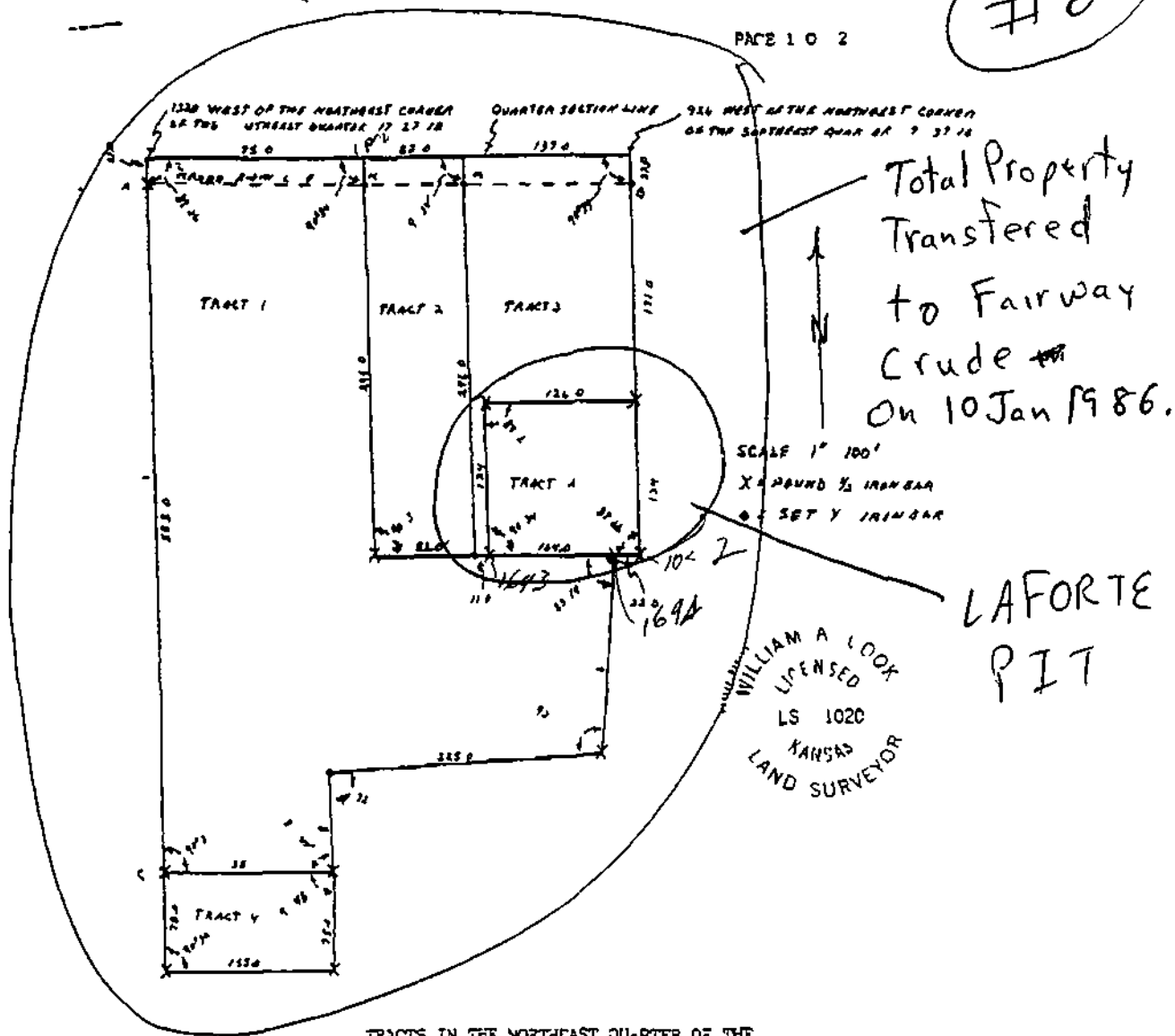
d. Commencing at a point 969 feet West of the Northeast corner of the South Half of the North Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (S/2 N/2 NE/4 SE/4) of Section 17 Township 27 South Range 18 East of the Sixth P M thence West 350 feet thence South 663 feet thence East 350 feet thence North 663 feet to the place of beginning

All in Neosho County, Kansas

EXHIBIT A' TO TRUSTEE DEED FROM
PATRICK J MALLOY III TRUSTEE TO CHANUTE ENERGY & REFINING INC ,
Dated 30th day of December 1988

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TRACTS IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE
SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 17-27-18

On December 12, 1991, I conducted a survey for Enron Oil Trading and Transportation Company to relocate the boundaries of the properties described below. All but five of the tract corner monuments set during Zimmerman's March 1984 survey were found in place. All corner monuments set during Young's November 1987 survey were found in place. All distances measured between monuments found were in close agreement with recorded measurements verifying that these were the original monuments. The area labeled Tract A is not Enron property per the deed filed in Book 192, page 168A in the Neosho County Register of Deeds Office and has been separated from Tract 3 as described. All missing corners were relocated and monumented as shown on the plat above.

The tracts are described as follows in agreement with the deed cited above:

TRACT 1 - Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section 17 Township 27 South Range 18 East of the 6th P.M. in Neosho County, Kansas thence West 1145.0 to the point of beginning thence deflecting to the left on an angle of 90°34' South a distance of 317.0 thence left on an angle of 89°26' 197.0 thence right on an angle of 94°41' 161.0 thence right on an angle of 81°08' 225.0 thence left on an angle of 87°40' 80.0 thence right on an angle of 91°48' 135.0 thence North 574.0 thence East 17.0 to the point of beginning except road right-of-way thereon. Containing 2.8819 acres more or less excluding road right-of-way.

EXHIBIT A

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TRACT 2 = Beginning at a point 1145 0 West of the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section 17 Township 27 South Range 18 East of the 6th P M in Neosho County Kansas thence deflecting to the left on an angle of $90^{\circ}34'$ South a distance of 317 0 thence left on an angle of $89^{\circ}26'$ 82 0 thence North 317 0' thence West 82 0 to the point of beginning except road right-of-way thereof Containing 0 5572 acres more or less excluding road right-of-way

TRACT 3 = Beginning at a point 1063 0 West of the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section 17 Township 27 South Range 18 East of the 6th P M in Neosho County Kansas thence deflecting to the left on an angle of $90^{\circ}34'$ South a distance of 317 0 ; thence left on an angle of $89^{\circ}26'$ 137 0 thence North 317 0 thence West 137 0 to the point of beginning except road right-of-way thereof Containing 0 9309 acres more or less excluding road right-of-way And also less the following described Tract "A"

TRACT A = Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section 17 Township 27 South Range 18 East of the 6th P M in Neosho County Kansas thence Westerly along the North line of said Quarter 926 0 ; thence Southerly along a line deflecting $90^{\circ}34'$ to the left 193 0 to the point of beginning thence Southerly along the same course 124 0 thence Westerly along a line deflecting $90^{\circ}34'$ to the right 126 0' thence Northerly along a line deflecting $89^{\circ}26'$ to the right 124 0 thence Easterly along a line deflecting $90^{\circ}34'$ to the right 126 0 to the point of beginning Containing 0 359 acres more or less

TRACT 4 = Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section 17 Township 27 South Range 18 East of the 6th P M in Neosho County Kansas thence West 1320 0 ; thence deflecting to the left on an angle of $90^{\circ}34'$ South a distance of 552 0 to a point of beginning thence left on an angle of $89^{\circ}26'$ 135 0 thence North 78 0 thence West 135 0 ; thence South 78 0 to the point of beginning Containing 0 2417 acres more or less

I, William A. Cook do hereby certify the above information to be true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

William A. Cook
William A. Cook L.S.
Kansas License # 020

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LLP
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K. S. & P. S.
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REFERENCE POINTS

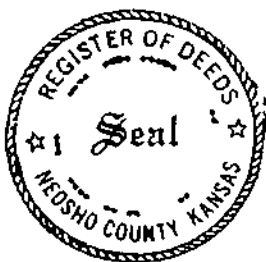
A-- 15 5 SW to gate hinge
23 1 SE to gate post
35 5 N to S edge of pavement

B-- 15 7 S to fence E-W
39 9 SE to pipe corner post
36 0 N to S edge of pavement

C-- 7 W to corner post and
fence to N

FILED

JAN 11 1986
WALTER B. HILSON, JR.
NEOSHO COUNTY CLERK C.B.



CORRECTED

#3
34049
STATE OF KANSAS NEOSHO COUNTY SS
ENTERED AND FILED IN VOL 189 PAGE 212 219
JAN 10 1986 AT 10:42 O'CLOCK P.M.
Hudson & Son
700 REGISTER OF DEEDS

CORPORATION DEED - GENERAL WARRANTY

This Indenture, Made this 10th day of January, A D 1986 between
Chanute Energy & Refining, Inc an Oklahoma corporation, a cor-
poration duly organized, incorporated, and existing under and by virtue
of the laws of the State of Oklahoma and having its principal place of
business at Highway 169 & Hickory, Chanute, in the State of Kansas of
the first part, and Fairway Crude, Inc , a Kansas corporation, of
Neosho County, in the State of Kansas, of the second part

WITNESSETH, That said party of the first part, in consideration of
the sum of One Dollar and Other Valuable Consideration the receipt
whereof is hereby acknowledged, does by these presents, grant
bargain, sell and convey unto said party of the second part its suc-
cessors and assigns, all the following-described REAL ESTATE situated
in the County of Neosho and State of Kansas, to-wit

TRACT 1 = Commencing at the NE corner of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section
17 - Twp 27 - Range 18 East of the 6th P M in Neosho
County, Kansas, thence West 1145 0' to the point of
beginning, thence deflecting to the Left on an angle of 90
34' South a distance of 317 0', thence Left on an angle of
89° 26', 197 0', thence Right on an angle of 94° 41', 161 0
thence Right on an angle of 81° 08', 225 0', thence Left on
an angle of 87° 40', 80 0' thence Right on an angle of 91°
48 , 135 0 , thence North 574 0 , thence East 175 0 to the
point of beginning, except Road R/W thereof Containing
2 8819 acres more or less excluding Road R/W

TRACT 2 = Beginning at a point 1145 0 West of the NE corner
of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 17 - Twp 27 - Range 18 East of the 6th
P M in Neosho County, Kansas, thence deflecting to the Left
on an angle of 90° 34' South a distance of 317 0 thence
Left on an angle of 89° 26', 82 0', thence North 317 0
thence West 82 0' to the point of beginning, except Road R/W
thereof Containing 0 5572 acres more or less excluding
Road R/W

TRACT 3 = Beginning at a point 1063 0' West of the NE corner
of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 17 - Twp 27 - Range 18 East of the 6th
P M in Neosho County, Kansas, thence deflecting to the Left
on an angle of 90° 34', South a distance of 317 0', thence
Left on an angle of 89° 26', 137 0', thence North 317 0 ,
thence West 137 0' to the point of beginning, except Road R/W
thereof Containing 0 9309 acres more or less excluding Road
R/W

TRACT 4 = Commencing at the NE corner of the SE1/4 of Section 17 - Twp 27 - Range 18 East of the 6th P M in Neosho County, Kansas, thence West 1320 0', thence deflecting to the Left on an angle of 90° 34', South a distance of 652 0', to a point of beginning, thence Left on an angle of 89° 26', 135 0', thence North 78 0', thence West 135 0', thence South 78 0' to the point of beginning Containing 0 2417 acres more or less

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TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME, Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, forever

And said Chanute Energy & Refining, Inc , for itself, its successors and assigns, does hereby covenant, promise and agree to and with said party of the second part, that at the delivery of these presents, it is lawfully seized in its own right, of an absolute and indefeasible estate of inheritance, in fee simple, of and in all and singular the above-granted and described premises, with the apurtenances, that the same are free, clear, discharged and unincumbered of and from all former and other grants, titles, charges, estates judgments taxes, assessments and incumbrances, of what nature and kind soever EXCEPT easements and rights-of-way of record, if any, and that it will warrant and forever defend the same, unto said party of the second part its successors and assigns, against said party of the first part its successors and assigns and all and every person or persons whomsoever, lawfully claiming or to claim the same

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said party of the first part has hereunto caused this Deed to be signed on its behalf by its President, thereunto duly authorized so to do , and to be attested by its secretary and has caused its common seal to be hereunto affixed, the day and year last above written

CHANUTE ENERGY & REFINING, INC

Corporate Seal

By [Signature] its President and [Signature] its secretary

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, NOWATA COUNTY, ss

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 10th day of January, A D , 1986 before me, the undersigned a Notary Public in and for the County and

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State aforesaid, came J. G. Debusier
President of Chanute Energy & Refining, Inc , a corporation duly orga-
nized, incorporated and existing under and by virtue of the laws of
Oklahoma and Marilyn Debusier, Secretary of said cor-
poration who are personally known to me to be such officers and who
are personally known to me to be the same persons who executed as
such officers, the within instrument of writing on behalf of said cor-
poration and such persons duly acknowledged the execution of the same
to be the act and deed of said corporation Chanute Energy & Refining
Inc

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed my
notarial seal the day and year last above mentioned

Bonnie L. Workman
Notary Public

My Commission expires June 23, 19 29

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Entered in T m file Record in my office at

day of A D 19

County Clerk

FAIRWAY CRUDE INC

A corporation duly organized incorporated and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Kansas and having its principal place of business at Chanute County of Neosho in the State of Kansas

QUI CLAIMS TO Rick Michael

all the following described REAL ESTATE in the County of Neosho and the State of Kansas to-wit

Commencing at a point 926 feet West and 317 feet South of the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter Section 17 Township 27 South, Range 18 East thence West through a deflection angle to the right 94 degrees 41 minutes a distance of 120 feet thence North through a deflection angle to the right 90 degrees 34 minutes a distance of 130 feet thence East to a point 130 feet North of beginning thence South 130 feet to point of beginning

TERRY BRUNER 0 AUG 90
RONALD KING 12/8/95

5/5/90/TAY
12/03/95

for the sum of One Dollar and Other Valuable Consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged



STATE OF Kansas Neosho COUNTY ss Fairway Crude, Inc

BE IT REMEMBERED That on this 25th day of November AD 1987 before me the undersigned

a Notary Public in and for the county and State

aforesaid came Edsel E. Noland President of

Fairway Crude Inc a corporation duly organized incorporated and existing under and by virtue of

the laws of Kansas who is personally known to me to be such officer and who is personally known to me to be the same person who executed as such officer the within instrument of writing on behalf of said corporation and such person duly acknowledged the execution of the same to be the act and deed of said corporation

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year last above mentioned

(SEAL)

Marilyn B. Morlan Notary Public
term expires November 9 1989



STATE OF Kansas }
Neosho County } ss

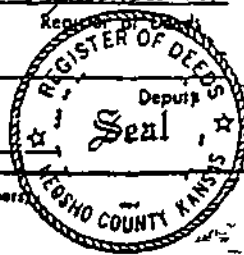
This instrument was filed for record on the 30 day of November A.D. 1987 at 8:55 o'clock A M. and duly recorded

in book 192 of

at page 168A

Heider & Branchett

Register of Deeds
Seal
Fees \$2.00



paid
TF-177-B
17-27-18

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Rick Michael

To
Larry L Bruner

Entered in Transfer Records in my office State of Kansas ^{Neosho} ~~Allen~~ County ss
this 8th day of August Filed and Duly Recorded
August A D 19 91 Aug 8 1991
Wayne B. Edmon, Jr. at 11 45 o'clock A M
County Clerk
Vol 199 Page 12

Leona J. Smith
Register of Deeds

91-1540

QUIT CLAIM DEED

THIS INSTRUMENT Made this 1st day of August

A D 19 90 between

Rick Michael a single person

of the County of Allen

and

State of Kansas of the first part and

Larry L Bruner

of the second part

WITNESSETH That the said party of the first part in consideration of the sum of No
consideration (gift) ~~XXXXXXX~~

to him duly paid his sold and by these presents does REMISE RELIASE AND
QUIT CLAIM to said party of the second part his heirs and assigns all his right
title and interest in the tract or parcel of land situated in Neosho County and
State of Kansas and described as follows to wit

Tract of land beginning 926 feet West and 193 0 feet South of
Northeast Corner of the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) Section Seven-
teen (17) Township Twenty-seven (27) Range Eighteen (18)
thence South 130 feet thence West 120 feet thence North 130
feet thence East 120 feet to point of beginning

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above described premises together with the appurtenances unto
the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever

IN WITNESS WHEREOF The said party of the first part has hereunto set his
hand and seal the day and year above written

Seal

Rick Michael
(Rick Michael)

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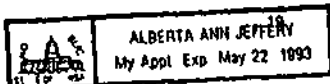
STATE OF KANSAS ALLEN COUNTY ss

BE IT REMEMBERED That on this 1st day of August
me the undersigned a Notary Public in and for said County and State aforesaid came
Rick Michael a single man

who is personally known to me to be the same person who executed the within instrument of writing
and such person duly acknowledged the execution of the same

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year last
above written

My Commission expires



Alberta Ann Jeffery
Notary Public

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SHERIFF'S DEED

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS That a certain action to foreclose tax liens on certain real property in the County of Neosho State of Kansas has heretofore been filed in the District Court of Neosho County Kansas and is titled The Board of County Commissioners of Neosho County Kansas vs Adams et al Case No 95 C 4E and

WHEREAS Judgment was thereafter rendered by said court in the above entitled action on September 22 1995 and

WHEREAS in compliance with and pursuant to this judgment the Clerk of the District Court of Neosho County Kansas issued an order to Sheriff Rick Wingate Sheriff of Neosho County Kansas to advertise and sell tracts of land lots or other pieces of real estate described below all according to law and

WHEREAS the Neosho County Sheriff gave notice of this sale by advertisement and publication notice of sale in the Chanute Tribune a newspaper printed in Neosho County Kansas and which had been continuously and uninterruptedly published in Neosho County Kansas for fifty-two (52) weeks prior to the first publication notice, all according to the law the Neosho County Sheriff Rick Wingate, thereafter sold to

Ronald King

for the highest and best bid obtainable on November 20 1995 the following described property for the amount shown

A TRACT BEGINNING NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX FEET (926) WEST AND ONE HUNDRED NINETY THREE FEET (193') SOUTH OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER (NE/C) OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4) NORTH AND SOUTH ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FEET (130) BY EAST AND WEST ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FEET (120') TO POINT OF BEGINNING SECTION SEVEN (17) TOWNSHIP TWENTY SEVEN (27) RANGE EIGHTEEN (18) TIOGA TOWNSHIP NEOSHO COUNTY KANSAS

THEREAFTER, on the 01 day of Dec 1995 the order of sale and the proceedings of sale were returned to the Neosho County District Court and after examination of the proceedings and finding that the sale was made in all respects in conformity with the law applicable the District Court of Neosho County confirmed the sale and the proceedings made thereto, on the 01 day of Dec 1995

THEREAFTER, and according to law the Sheriff of Neosho County was ordered to execute this good and sufficient deed to the purchaser Ronald King

I Rick Wingate Sheriff of Neosho County Kansas therefore do hereby give grant sell and convey to

Ronald King

his/her heirs and assigns forever the following described real estate located in Neosho County Kansas together with all and

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singular tenements hereditaments and appurtenances thereto or in any way appertaining

A TRACT BEGINNING NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX FEET (926') WEST AND ONE HUNDRED NINETY THREE FEET (193") SOUTH OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER (NE/C) OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4) NORTH AND SOUTH ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FEET (130) BY EAST AND WEST ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FEET (120) TO POINT OF BEGINNING SECTION SEVENTEEN (17) TOWNSHIP TWENTY SEVEN (27) RANGE EIGHTEEN (18) TIOGA TOWNSHIP NEOSHO COUNTY KANSAS

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME UNTO THE SAID

Ronald King

his/heirs and assigns forever

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I Rick Wingate Sheriff of Neosho County State of Kansas have hereunto set my hand this 18 day of December 1995

Rick Wingate
Sheriff of Neosho County KS

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF KANSAS, COUNTY OF NEOSHO S

Be it remembered that on this 8 day of December 1995 before me, Judy Froehlich Clerk of the District Court within and for Neosho County State of Kansas came Rick Wingate Sheriff of Neosho County in the State of Kansas who is personally known to me to be the same person who executed the within and foregoing instrument of writing as grantor and such person duly acknowledged to me that the same was his voluntary act and deed and that he duly executed the same for the purpose therein expressed IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year last above written

Entered in Transfer Record

in my office this 12

day of December AD 1995

Judy M. Froehlich
Neosho County Clerk

Judy M. Froehlich
Clerk of the District Court
Neosho County Kansas

95-3054

STATE OF KANSAS NEOSHO COUNTY SS
ENTERED AND FILED IN VOL 208 PAGE 173-174
Dec 17-95 AT 8 30 O'CLOCK AM
Leora N. Smith
Leora N. Smith REGISTER OF DEEDS
8 00

State of Kansas

Bill Graves



Governor

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Department of Health and Environment

RECEIVED

June 21 1996

James J O Connell Secretary

JUN 24 1996

Ron King
Rt 4 Box 117
Chanute, Kansas 66720

BUREAU OF
ENVIRONMENTAL
REMEDATIONRe B-S Pit/MARCO facility/Chanute, Kansas

Dear Mr King

Representatives of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) met with you on May 2, 1996 regarding the investigation and remediation of confirmed contamination of the BS pit adjoining the MARCO facility in Chanute Kansas. At that time the possibility of utilizing state water plan funds to conduct the work was discussed. In order to conserve state resources, state water plan funding is only available when the responsible party is unknown or financially unable to conduct the necessary response action. Therefore, prior to the expenditure of state water plan funds the KDHE requests documentation of your financial status. This may be done through the submission of tax returns, audited financial reports, or other similar means. Additionally KDHE requests the names of the any companies in which you are an owner, officer, director, or majority shareholder or trusts of which you are the beneficiary.

In the absence of verification of inability to finance the necessary work the KDHE will look to you to investigate and remediate the BS pit and associated offsite contamination pursuant to K.S.A. 65-159, 65-171d, K.S.A. 65-3430 and K.S.A. 65-3453.

Please respond to the above request within thirty days. If you have any questions or comments, do not hesitate to so advise.

Sincerely,

Enka Bessey
Staff Attorney

cc

Rick Beam

Tom Peterson

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QUIT CLAIM DEED

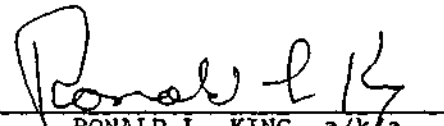
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That RONALD L KING, a/k/a RONALD KING, a single person as Grantor, in consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR (\$1 00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby grant, bargain, sell convey and quit claim unto TERESA K LAFORTE as Grantee all his right, title and interest in and to the following described real estate situated in Neosho County, and the State of Kansas, 'to wit

A tract beginning Nine Hundred Twenty-six feet (926') West and One Hundred Ninety-three feet (193') South of the Northeast corner (NE/c) of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) North and South One Hundred Thirty feet (130') by East and West One Hundred Twenty feet (120') to point of beginning in Section Seventeen (17) Township Twenty-seven (27), Range Eighteen (18), Tioga Township, Neosho County, Kansas

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining forever

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this instrument was duly signed executed and acknowledged this 13th day of June, 1996


RONALD L KING a/k/a
RONALD KING

STATE OF KANSAS, COUNTY OF NEOSHO SS

Acknowledged before me this 13th day of June 1996, by RONALD L KING a/k/a RONALD KING a single person




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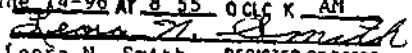
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Subject chanute refinery

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I stumbled across this Chanute Tribune story from Feb 2 while looking for another story Here's a copy in case you did not see it

EPA prepares for refinery cleanup

Project will remove 27 storage tanks, contaminated soil

Kris Knowles

Tribune staff

The Environmental Protection Agency is finally going to finish cleaning up a north Chanute refinery site that is leaking petroleum waste into a stream that feeds the Neosho River

An EPA contractor is preparing to spend the rest of the year removing contaminated soil open sludge pits, and 27 large storage tanks

"They have quite a quantity of material in them. It's pretty labor intensive," said Janice Kroone, EPA's on-site coordinator

Announcement of the cleanup contradicts statements made a couple weeks ago by a spokesman for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The spokesman, Don Brown, said the EPA was preparing to do a study of the refinery property but not a cleanup

"EPA hadn't made us aware," Brown said Friday

Kroone would not say how much the cleanup will cost because a contract hasn't been signed with the private company that will oversee the project. But Kroone said the project will be more extensive than a 1994 cleanup at the same site that cost at least \$1.1 million

The 1994 EPA cleanup removed mercury, drums of flammable and corrosive waste, and asbestos pipe insulation, but the project left behind the storage tanks and open waste pits

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Kroone said there is now evidence that contaminated water is draining from the site into Village Creek, which feeds the Neosho River, a source of drinking water for Chanute and many other communities

"I have seen petroleum material discharged from the site," Kroone said "We consider that a threat to waterways and human health and the environment "

The property is located at the north edge of Chanute, at the corner of Santa Fe and Ash Grove Rd It was operated as a refinery from 1934 until it closed in 1981

In advance of the latest cleanup, state officials have patched holes in the fence around the refinery and put up some new sections of fence

"We found holes where kids and dogs could walk through," Kroone said

The EPA hasn't decided what to do with oil and sludge that will be removed from the site Kroone said some of the material may still be useful for making asphalt or fuel

There is also contaminated water at the site Kroone said a mobile carbon treatment system will be brought in on several trucks to treat the water After testing the water may be released

The cleanup will start in the next few weeks and last 10 months to a year depending on the weather

Kroone would not name the company hired to oversee the work, nor would she say how many workers would be involved She said crew sizes would vary from week to week A local motel operator said he has been contacted about the rental of rooms for 15 men

The project will significantly alter the appearance of the property, which is an eyesore that greets traffic entering Chanute from the north But Kroone said the cleanup still won't make the property a thing of beauty The EPA has no plans to remove the site's decaying buildings

"We're not going to haul the bricks away because that's not our focus to beautify it " she said

The 1994 cleanup was paid by the federal Superfund This year's cleanup will be funded by the U S Coast Guard, which pays

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for all petroleum cleanup projects

"That's the way Congress set up the regulations," Kroone said

The refinery is owned by investors of a Texas-based trust who purchased the refinery in a 1993 tax sale. The trust refused to pay for the 1994 cleanup and is unlikely to pay for this year's work. Kroone said the EPA has been unable to reach any representatives of the trust for at least a year.

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Quit Claim Deed

That Teresa LaForte a single person as Grantor in consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR (\$1 00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged does hereby grant bargain sell convey and quit claim unto DOROTHY LAFORTE as Grantee all her right title and interest in and to the following described real estate situated in Neosho County and the State of Kansas to wit

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TERESA LAFORTE

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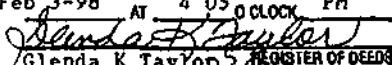


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